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1. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

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SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INVITING SPANISH TO
A SIXTH FLEET AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE IN ITALY THIS FALL.

PHIBLEX 12A-77 IS PLANNED FOR 14-22 DECEMBER 1977 AT CAP
TEULADA, SARDINIA. A UNILATERAL U.S. EXERCISE,
ITALIAN PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVERS WILL BE INVITED
(HOWEVER, ITALIANS ONLY RARELY TAKE PART). WE FORE-
SEE NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOI APPROVAL FOR

SPANISH OBSERVERS.

2. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE ITALIAN MILITARY HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN IN THE VANGUARD IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING LINKS WITH THEIR SPANISH COUNTER-PARTS. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION HOWEVER AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH SPANISH OBSERVERS MAY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ITALIAN (ESPECIALLY NAVAL) EXERCISES. THIS IS AN AREA PERHAPS BEST EXPLORED THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE NATO FORUM: ONE WHERE WE BELIEVE A FURTHER SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE CAN BE CONVEYED TO THE SPANISH, AND WHERE RECOGNITION OF THE ACCEPTABILITY TO ONE KEY ALLY OF THE PRESENT REGIME IN SPAIN IS EMPHASIZED TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF NATO. HOLMES

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